

## APPLICABLE LAWS

**SECTION 56-5-1550.** Speed limitation on motor-driven cycles.

No person shall operate any motor-driven cycle at any time mentioned in Section 56-5-4450 at a speed greater than thirty-five miles per hour unless such motor-driven cycle is equipped with head lamps which are adequate to reveal a person or vehicle at a distance of three hundred feet ahead.

**SECTION 56-5-1555.** Speed limitation on mopeds.

No person may operate a moped at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles an hour. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

**SECTION 56-5-6130.** Parents and guardians shall not permit children and wards to violate chapter.

The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

**SECTION 56-5-3660.** Helmets shall be worn by operators and passengers under age twenty-one; helmet design; list of approved helmets.

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one to operate or ride upon a two-wheeled motorized vehicle unless he wears a protective helmet of a type approved by the Department of Public Safety. Such a helmet must be equipped with either a neck or chin strap and be reflectorized on both sides thereof. The department is hereby authorized to adopt and amend regulations covering the types of helmets and the specifications therefor and to establish and maintain a list of approved helmets which meet the specifications as established hereunder.

**SECTION 56-5-3670.** Goggles or face shields shall be worn by operators under age twenty-one; list of approved goggles and face shields.

## Important Phone Numbers

### Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Bluffton Dispatch	757-3499
Dispatch Main Number	524-2777
SCHP Troop 6 Post C	726-8076
Solicitor's Office	255-5880

### Town of Bluffton Departments

20 Bridge Street

Town Hall Main Number	706-4500
Police Department Main Number	706-4550
Neighborhood Services Unit	706-4550
Bicycle Registration	706-4550
CARE Program	706-4550
Municipal Court	706-4530
Business License	706-4500

***For more information contact The Bluffton Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit @ (843) 706-4550***



# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Scooter & Moped Laws

*The Bluffton Police Department is looking to enhance community safety, reduce vehicle crashes in all areas of Bluffton, to deter any and all traffic violations, and increase awareness of potential safety hazards on the roadway.*

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# Scooter and Moped Laws

The use of Scooters and mopeds on the streets of Bluffton is increasing.

Scooters and mopeds have special requirements that are different than other vehicles. Here are several laws that relate to the requirements and use of scooters and mopeds on the roadway. Parents should be aware of the laws and understand that these laws are applicable to all who use the roadway.

We ask that parents supervise any child that is using any wheeled vehicle, including toys that do not fit in the category of a scooter or moped.

It is the Bluffton Police Department's goal to have safe roads for all.

## DEFINITIONS

### **SECTION 56-5-120.** Vehicle.

Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, is a "vehicle."

### **SECTION 56-5-140.** Motorcycle.

Every motor vehicle having no more than two permanent functional wheels in contact with the ground or trailer and having a saddle for the use of the rider, but excluding a tractor, is a "motorcycle".

### **SECTION 56-5-150.** Motor-driven cycle.

Every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor which produces not to exceed five horsepower is a "motor-driven cycle".

### **SECTION 56-5-160.** Bicycle.

A bicycle is a device propelled solely by pedals, operated by one or more persons, and having two or more wheels, except children's tricycles.

### **SECTION 56-5-165.** Moped, defined.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 56-5-160, every cycle with pedals to permit propulsion by human power or without pedals and with a motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters which produces not to exceed two brake horsepower and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed in excess of thirty miles an hour on level ground is a moped. If an internal combustion engine is used, the moped must have a power drive system that functions directly or automatically without clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged.

## MOPED REGULATION

### **SECTION 56-5-3710.** Limitations as to riding position and number of riders.

No person may ride upon a moped other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the moped. No moped may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

### **SECTION 56-5-3730.** Use of operating lights.

The operator of a moped must have the operating lights turned on at all times while the moped is in operation on the public highways and streets of this State.

### **SECTION 56-5-3740.** Modification of equipment to increase horsepower or speed.

It is unlawful for a person to modify or change the equipment of a moped so that the vehicle exceeds two brake horsepower and produces speeds in excess of thirty miles an hour on level ground. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

### **SECTION 56-5-3750.** Labeling requirements; violations and penalties.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to operate a moped without pedals upon the public highways and streets of this State without displaying the metal identification plate which must be attached to the vehicle. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

(C) Each vehicle which is incorrectly labeled or plated and each moped which is not labeled or plated is a separate violation of this section.

### **SECTION 56-1-1720.** Licensing requirement; minimum age; violations and penalties.

*...After December 31, 1987, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall not issue a moped operator's license to any person who is less than fourteen years of age...*

Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of a first offense, must be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars and, upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense, must be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.